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Ranger-Guided Activities February 10 through April 13, 2008 Remembering the "Storm of 78"

For outdoor programs, be safe and stay comfortable by wearing clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather. Programs may be cancelled if weather is severe. If in doubt, call Salt Pond Visitor Center at 508-255-3421 x 0. Salt Pond Visitor Center is located at Route 6 and Nauset Road, Eastham, and is accesible.

February

Sunday, February 10 - MOVIE: "*PT 109*" - 1 PM. 2+ hours, Free. This film dramatizes President John F. Kennedy's World War II experiences in which he captained a PT boat which was sunk by a Japanese destroyer. It tells the story of his courageous efforts to save his crew, find food and shelter, and search for rescue. In his later life as United States Senator and President of the United States, Kennedy established Cape Cod National Seashore. Takes place at Salt Pond Visitor Center.

Saturday, February 16 - REMEMBERING THE "STORM OF '78" - 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

"Where were you during the blizzard?" For many, "the blizzard" is the Blizzard of '78, which battered the Cape Cod shoreline with a severe nor'easter, tore coastal homes from their foundations, and transformed off-Cape highways into snowbound parking lots for thousands of stranded drivers. Thirty years later, featured presenters will discuss aspects of the storm, and local witnesses to the event will share their memorabilia and stories. All activities are free and will be held at Salt Pond Visitor Center.

- 1 PM: Michael Tougias, author of *The Blizzard of '78* will discuss the storm through vivid descriptions of the weather, anecdotes, and impacts (including some positive aspects), and the aftermath. A book signing will follow.
- **2 PM: Cape Cod National Seashore Historian William Burke** will describe the relocation of Old Harbor Life-Saving Station from its eroding shoreline in Chatham to its present location in Provincetown in the months leading up to the storm.
- 2:45 PM: Don Wilding, President of the Henry Beston Society and author of the book, *Henry Beston's Cape Cod*, will share a very different tale about another significant historic building, the Outermost House, which was swept away during the storm. A book signing will follow.
- 12:30 to 3 PM: Community members will share recollections and memorabilia from the storm.

Sunday, February 17 - TALK: THE AMAZING WORLD OF HORSESHOE CRABS - 2 PM, 40 minutes. Free, geared towards families. Participate in a hands-on exploration of, and stories about these amazing animals. Discover many fun facts about them, such as their ancient age, and how important they are for the health of humans. Takes place inside Salt Pond Visitor Center.



LIGHTHOUSE TOUR: THE THREE SISTERS - 3 PM, 1 hour, ½ mile. Free. These 19th-century lighthouses once provided a beacon for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach. Come and learn of their history and importance. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area, Eastham.

Tuesday, February 19 - WALK: WEATHERING EXTREMES - 2 PM, up to 1 hour, 1 mile. Free. Explore the moors, known locally as heathlands, which thrive along the coastal banks high above the ocean and the bay. See how plants are adapted to this habitat and discover why these places are globally rare. Meet at the far end of the Marconi Station Site parking area, off Route 6, Wellfleet.



February continued

Wednesday, February 20 - WALK: WHERE'S THE BEACH? - 2 PM, up to 45 minutes, 1 mile. Free, geared towards families. Join a ranger to learn about Cape Cod's famous sandy beaches and how they change through the seasons. Be prepared to do some digging in the sand, and dress for the weather. Meet at Coast Guard Beach, at the end of Doane Road, Eastham.

Thursday, February 21 - WALK: LORE OF NAUSET MARSH - 2 PM, 1 hour, 1 mile. Free. Learn about the rich natural and human history around Nauset Marsh and how each has affected the other over time. Dress for the weather. Meet on the terrace at Salt Pond Visitor Center.

Friday, February 22 - TALK/WALK: WHOSE TOES ARE THOSE? - 2 PM, 1 hour, ½ mile. Free, geared towards families. Learn to identify some tracks and sign left by local wildlife, and open doors to discovering wildlife that surrounds us on Cape Cod. Meet at Salt Pond Visitor Center. Dress warmly for the outdoor segment of the program.

Saturday, February 23 - HOUSE TOUR: A WHALING FAMILY STORY - 11 AM, 1 hour. Free. Learn about the Penniman family through a tour of their home and stories of their travels. Examine some of the hardships, adventures, and the lifestyle of a whaling family. Reservations required. Register by calling the Salt Pond Visitor Center at (508) 255 - 3421, ext 0. Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham.

TALK: THE SCOOP ON SEALS - 2 PM, 45 minutes. Free, geared towards families. Seals and people love to play in the water, but did you ever wonder how seals keep the water from going up their noses, or how they're able to stay under that cold water long after we've turned blue? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we discuss seals' special adaptations to their watery world. Takes place inside Salt Pond Visitor Center.

March

Saturday, March 1 - TALK: BLOWHOLES TO BALEEN - 2 PM, 30 minutes. Free, geared towards families. These giants of the deep have fascinated humans through the ages. Join a ranger for a whale of a time exploring the mystique of these amazing animals. Takes place inside Salt Pond Visitor Center.

Sunday, March 9 - TALK: MYSTERY OF A SALT POND - 2 PM, up to 30 minutes. Free, geared towards families. The Salt Pond showcases the connection between kettle ponds, salt ponds, and sea level rise. See how past and ongoing geologic events shape the landscape we see from the visitor center. Takes place on the outdoor terrace at Salt Pond Visitor Center.



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Sunday, March 30 - TALK: SIRENS OF THE SEA - 2 PM, 30 minutes. Free, geared towards families. Known for their alluring songs and acrobatics, humpback whales have been a fascination for centuries. Join a ranger for a talk and activities that highlight the awesome nature of these magnificent animals. Takes place inside Salt Pond Visitor Center.

April

Saturday, April 5 - TALK: BLOWHOLES TO BALEEN - 2 PM, 30 minutes. Free, geared towards families. These giants of the deep have fascinated humans over the ages. Join a ranger for a whale of a time exploring the mystique of these amazing animals. Takes place inside Salt Pond Visitor Center.

Sunday, April 13 - TALK: THE AMAZING WORLD OF HORSESHOE CRABS - 2 PM, 40 minutes. Free, and geared towards families. Participate in a hands-on exploration of, and stories about these amazing animals. Discover many fun facts about them, such as their ancient age, and how important they are for the health of humans. Takes place inside at Salt Pond Visitor Center.





Check the seashore's website at www.nps.gov/caco in March, or call the Salt Pond Visitor Center at (508) 255 - 3421 x 0, for details on these upcoming programs:

National Junior Ranger Day ❖ International Marconi Day ❖ Earth Day Clean-Up

